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Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 12:42 AM

To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC

Subject: CapX 2020

Stephanie Strength.

I am writing in regards to the CapX 2020 transmission line project proposed for our area. We are on the alternate route but still greatly concerned. We live in Wheatland Township, Section 22, Wheatland Township in Rice County, MN. Our farm runs alongside Highway 19. If the lines go on that proposed route, we would have these huge poles running along our entire farm. There are many, many homes that it would impact very greatly because of their close proximity to the road. Our renter for our farmland, uses his airplane to check on his crops, There is a gas venting station that would be located almost right under the lines plus a bison herd which would graze right under the lines.

Another route suggested by a member of the Task Force Board would take the line right past our home & many other homes, all within 75 to 100 from the road. On this route it would impact a couple of dairy herds, one with 175 head of cattle, a lake, marshland, a beekeeping business & a garden center.

We cannot tolerate having a monstrosity such as this in our area, or anywhere else. We cannot afford to have our health, crops, livestock & livelihood destroyed by something that is not needed but being proposed because of money &

Please support us in our concerns.

Thank you!

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Section 22, Wheatland Township, Rice County, MN

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This federal scoping process is specific to only the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV project. As such, we have forwarded you comments to the project team dealing with the project with which you have raised concerns.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.